The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

Hello Again Members!

Hope everyone is doing well this month. I am now, but I'm going to tell a quick story about how my month has gone with a quick PSA. (Public Service Announcement)!

So, I had a little lump on my head that began growing a bit this summer. The little bump had been there for a long time, don't know exactly how long, it was just one of those things that we know about but often forget... Right?

Well anyway, this thing / bump got my attention because it grew and was itchy, so I scheduled a visit to the dermatologist. They took one look and suggested a biopsy. They took the sample and sent it off to the lab.

Yeah, it came back with one significant word among others: malignant. Oops! I now had skin cancer. Not the type that spreads, but it still needed to come out.

Three surgeries later, the cancer was gone, never to return, we hope! The surgeries were not all that bad but they had to remove some of my scalp. I had a small crater up there when the first three rounds were done.

Then, it was off to the plastic surgeon to repair the damage. WOW, that was fun… **NOT!**

Anyway, everything came out OK. So here's the PSA part:

Check yourself constantly for things that just don't look right. Then, get it checked out! It might just save your life!

Y'all are stuck with me for a while now… 73 Gary WG7X

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Mike W7XTZ.

Officers and Directors Present

President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Vice President Adam Barbera W2NCC
Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Paul Matney W7PFU
Board Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum? A quorum was present and a total of 17 members and invited guests attended all or parts of the meeting in person or via ZOOM. The attendance list is attached.

Silent Key or Illness? Robert Edwards N7HXX, a lifetime member of Radio Club of Tacoma RCT #1207 is reported in QST magazine as being a SK. Dan KD7SV is managing the sympathy cards and the one for David Curry N7XRJ was returned by the PO as "undeliverable." Dan is trying to update the address information.
Gary WG7X reported a bout with skin cancer. This is under repair and Gary is on the mend.

Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2022, RCT BOD meeting were approved as distributed without objections.

Guest: Quentin Caudron K7DRQ Secretary of the Board Puget Sound Repeater Group was present to address questions about the upcoming Puget Sound Repeater Roundabout a repeater-based contest. http://www.quentincaudron.com/repeater_roundabout/

Quentin observed there are several repeaters, about 500, in the Seattle Metropolitan area and the goal is to raise awareness of those repeaters. The contestants will score one point per repeater contacted and points double if you hit all repeaters that a club offers for the contest. Only one contact at each repeater counts. See www.repeaterroundabout.com for required exchange/ times / etc. There is also a Chirp file for programing transceivers available on the website. The event is 48 hours from 00:00 November 19th – to 23:59 November 20th.

There was no vote but all BOD members agreed to include all our repeaters in the contest.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)
Mike (W7MKE) reported all correspondence received this month was routine memberships, SR Donations ,QSL Cards, Magazines and Bills.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)
Steve AF7YD submitted a written report that is attached to this report. (available to members on website. Ed.) As of September 22nd, spending exceeded income for the year by about $XXXX, however all receipts for Salmon Run are not posted yet and membership renewals will be coming up soon.

Committee / Reports
Membership / Salmon Run (W7XH/K7GRS)
Mike W7XH reported on SR Donations. Last year 41 donors gave $XXXX. This year 65 donors gave or pledged $XXXX. 19 donors this year were first time donors. Everyone who made a donation or a pledge received either a receipt or an invoice. Membership stands at 287.

Library (AD7AV)
Doug AD7AV's letter of permission to allow our History Book to be used on the Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications website is attached.

Training (AD7AB)
Stephen's AD7AB submitted an email report:
Good afternoon, everyone.
This is just a friendly reminder that we have our Ham Radio Tech class this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday, 8am – 5pm. We currently have approximately 16 signed up and are willing to attend. Please let me know if you are unable to attend this weekend. If you are attending and you have not contacted John AC7WW to reserve a seat for testing on the following Tuesday evening.

If you have not purchased your copy of the Tech Manual, 5th Edition, fee of $30.00. I will have them available for purchase Saturday morning before or after class begins.

Please keep in mind that this is a crash course and we will be covering the whole manual this weekend and then you will be tested at the club house for your license on Tuesday evening.
Have a great week and see you this weekend.
Stephen Morton MSSE / AD7AB

Info Tech and Website (WB4SPB)
Randy WB4SPB reported all systems are nominal.

HF Operations (K7PIA)
Phil K7PIA reported all HF operating stations are working. See www.contestcalendar.com for upcoming radio sport. This month is CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB. Also several state QSO parties, and Classic Exchange CW. Look for BJ Rollison WA7WJR this weekend at Oceania DX Contest, CW. He is at Mariana Islands for DX until October 13th as AH0/WA7WJR. For DXpeditions a couple are upcoming, one in Papua, New Guinea and another team going to Djibouti see NG3K.com for DXpedition information.
We are working on the VHF/UHF tower installing new coax, antennas, and grounding.

Also we are going to get a computer interface for digital modes and Winlink at that station.

Tower (K7MO)
Mike W7MKE moved to purchase for $408.99 a M2 432-6WL antenna for the UHF tower.
Motion seconded by Steve AF7YD. Motion passed 8-1.
Adam W2NCC gave a report about some tower maintenance that was upcoming.
Standoffs and some of the bolts/nuts and other hardware that are rusting will be replaced. No definite time on the grounding project for the tower.

Facilities Management(W2NCC)
Adam W2NCC reported that the kitchen door ramp is completed and just needs to be painted with the non-skid paint and paint the handrails. He is accepting bids for the gutter/soffit/facia work but the actual work may be delayed until next spring/summer.

Property Management(WB7EC)
Red WB7EC reported that last month in September we took in $600 and this month already taken in about 2/3 of that. We do not have any transceivers for sale now or other high value items. Red moved the question on the submitted disposal list (attached). The motion was seconded by Doug AD7AV. Motion carried w/o objections.

Museum (KD7SV)
Dan KD7SV reported that both the SB-200 and SB-201 are repaired and both have been powered up and work fine. The SB-200 will be turned over to PMT. The SB-201 only has one 572B tube and we need another to test that amplifier. October 23-25 is the classic exchange CW. See Randy WB4SPB if you want to participate.

Wednesdays Workshop (WB4SPB)
TBD

General Meeting
Quentin Caudron K7DRQ Puget Sound Repeater Group will discuss the upcoming repeater contest.

Unfinished Business
Approval of proposed bylaws ballot (WB4SPB)
Randy WB4SPB circulated a proposed ballot for inclusion with the Election Ballot that would allow people to vote either by that ballot or via a vote in person at the Annual meeting. This required some allowance for possible double voting though confusion or otherwise so after discussion of alternatives, Mike W7MKE moved that the last bold part of Randy's proposed ballot be sent out with the Election ballot to all members and no voice vote be taken at the Annual meeting. Motion was seconded by Paul W7PFU, and the motion passed without objections. The following is the wording for the proposed bylaws ballot to be mailed with election ballot:

Regarding the revised Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors June 15, 2022, published on the W7dk.org website and distributed in hardcopy form to each club member in August 2022:
o I vote FOR adoption

o I vote AGAINST adoption

Discussion of RCT Dues adjustments (W7XTZ)

The current Bylaws require any adjustment to dues for 2023 be determined by the October BOD meeting. After discussion, the BOD agreed that the proper time to make any adjustments would be during the May-June time-frame after discussion with members etc. Making them in October is too difficult to prepare membership renewals as they typically go out with the election ballots.

New Business

Mike W7MKE requested to have a JOTA event here October 15th 10 am to Noon with Cub Scout Pack 24 Tacoma, WA. Approximately 10 Scouts and with parents to attend. This date did not conflict with any other RCT events so without objections the BOD agreed to host the scouts.

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements:
Kitsap County Amatur (sic) Radio Club Hamfest October 8th 9AM-1PM West Side Improvement Club 4109 W. E ST. Bremerton 98312

From: James E "Jim" Mendenhall KE6WHN
Howdy all, just want to say howdy and to let all know that all is good with ke6whn here in the north Idaho panhandle. I miss the club activities but I do not miss the big city stuff.
James- ke6whn– Ham radio, when all else fails.

Doug AD7AV and others urged members to get a flu shot this year as the season is expected to come early and be severe. COVID boosters are also available and advised.

Adjournment at 20:22
Michael Drorbaugh- RCT Secretary

Radio Club of Tacoma
General Meeting
October 12, 2022

Officers and Directors Present:
President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board Paul Matney K7PFU
Board Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board Bruce Hansen WE7P

Meeting Called to Order at: 19:00 by President Mike W7XTZ.

Flag Salute Led by Mike W7MKE.
Quorum? A quorum was present and 31 members and guests attended in person or via Zoom.
The attendance list is attached.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors:
Quentin Caudron, K7DRQ our guest speaker, Evan Moyer KI7ZEW, an RCT Member who has not visited the club for a couple of years, also Beverly Christie. Mike W7XTZ asked the other attendees to self-introduce.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness
Gary McAdams WG7X had a brush with skin cancer, which was treated and he is now in the recovery stage.

PROGRAM:
Quentin Caudron, K7DRQ Secretary of the Board Puget Sound Repeater
Group discussed the upcoming (in November) Repeater Contest and answered questions.
Quentin has been a ham for 5-6 years and likes to do CW and do remote QRP. He serves as Sunday morning Net Host on PSRG. They host three nets on Sunday, 0:900, 12:00 and 21:00. He likes to build antennas and acts as an Instructor for LICW (Long Island CW group). He likes computers and cooking.
Concerning the Puget Sound Repeater Group, Quentin said he doesn't know how many members are in PSRG, a few hundred? The group has three repeaters and the 2M repeater 146.96 has about a 30% duty cycle

Repeater Roundabout

• The first Puget Sound Repeater Roundabout is November 19th 00:00 until November 20th at 23:59

• There are about 500 repeaters within 100 miles of Seattle

o About 30 clubs are participating in the Roundabout so far

o The purpose is to introduce repeaters to people in the area

• To participate, contact a repeater that is on the Roundabout contest list

o Exchange is your name, RST, and a mention of the Repeater

o One point for each repeater contacted

▪ Double points for contacting all repeaters a club has on the roundabout list

▪ For linked repeaters, only one point for any in the link

• Can participate casually from home

• Can go mobile in your car

• Can go SOTA

• Can use internet connectivity for repeater contacts

• The repeaters that have entered range from Bellingham to Centralia

• See www.repeaterroundabout.com for all information about the contest including participating repeaters and a map of their location. Quentin is hoping for 100 total repeaters, right now 72 are listed.

A Chirp file is available to program your transceiver.

Q. How do you use the internet for contacts?

A. DMR, DStar, Fusion, etc.

Q. Do we submit a log?

A. Yes, submit log to Quentin. There is a sample log on the website.

Q. Do we use Zulu time or local time?

A. Local time is fine.

Q. Do you anticipate this as an annual event?

A. Depends on participation and available help.

Q. Any idea of how many contacts a contestant might make?

A. Well one contestant gamed the system in a similar contest and made a lot of contacts.

Q. What is the calling procedure?

A. Call CQ or give your call sign and ask for a contact for the Roundabout

Secretary Note: This is only a summary of Quentin's presentation. If you are interested in competing in the contest, please visit the website for full contest details.

Secretary's Report:

All correspondence this month was routine bills, magazines, SR donations and Membership applications.

Treasurer's Report

Through September RCT has spent about $XXXX more than its income. Last month we were about $XXXX behind so Salmon Run income is the difference. The full financial report is in the October BOD minutes. The Insurance policy for our equipment has been moved to a different company who purchased the former insurer. We do not know yet if that will affect rates.

Committee / Activity Reports

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)

Mike W7XH reported membership at 289. The website is working well. Currently Salmon Run has collected $XXXX and total pledges were $XXXX so more pledges should be coming in. We had 64 Salmon Run monetary donations and one in-kind donation. There were 19 new participants this year. Membership renewals and the ballot for Elections and Proposed Bylaws with go out ASAP following this meeting.

Training (AD7AB)

Stephen AB7AD and Mike AD7TH held a Technicians Class last weekend with six participants.

VE Report (AC7WW)

John AC7WW submitted a written report as follows: Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022, your VE Team graded 24 exams from two sessions. Fifteen candidates passed their exam. Four candidates failed to obtain an initial license. Twelve new Technicians joined the Amateur Service. One candidate passed element 3 to become a General. Two candidates upgraded to Extra.

Thanks to the following for their service and time.

Leonard, KA7NWF Rich, KK7VH, Mike, W7XH Phil, K7PIA

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, Nov 8TH 2022. Time to be determined.

HF Report (K7PIA)

No report, see RCT BOD October Minutes for full report.

Repeater Operations (N7OMS)

No report. The 147.280 repeater is working.

Tower (K7MO)

Mike W7MKE reported on work done on the VHF/UHF tower: Coax cables are in place as are the polyphasers

for grounding. We still need to install the grounding strap and mount the UHF, VHF and 6M beam on the tower. Those antennas have been inspected and corroded hardware replaced. Most of the antenna work should be completed this Friday.

IT Report (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reports all systems nominal.

Museum (KD7SV)

October 23-25 is Classic Exchange CW and W7OS plans to participate. See Dan KD7SV, or Randy WB4SPB to work with the museum's radios. Work on the Heath Kit SB-200 and SB-201 is mostly completed. Soft Key and Soft Start circuit boards were installed and they are ready to go. We just need to power up the SB-200 to see if all is working. The SB-201 is ready for PMT to offer it for sale.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reported that in September we took in $XXX and in the first two weeks this month RCT received about $XXX. We need transceivers or other high value items, so if you have any surplus to your needs please think about donating them.

A new listing of items for sale should be available for the website shortly.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)

Mike W7MKE reported that the kitchen door ramp is completed and Adam W2NCC is getting the non-skid paint for the deck and paint for the handrails to complete that project. He has one contractor submitting a bid for the soffit / fascia work and Mike thinks he has another contractor who will submit a bid.

4th Wed. Night Activity (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reports: No topic yet, stay tuned to website or email blast.

Bark Editor (WG7X)

Gary WG7X reported that he has had some calls from members because he is listed on the Elmer's list. He indicated someone mentioned he was the only one on the list contacted who answered the phone! As BARK editor, Gary is always looking for feedback about the BARK and for articles or pictures.

Unfinished Business

Last Call for nominations for President, Treasurer and two BOD positions.
Mike W7XTZ called for nominations for officers and Board positions. Hearing none the nominations are closed. Ballots will go out shortly.
Mike W7XTZ and Doug AD7DG explained that this year's ballot would be both for the

election of Officers and Board members and for the Proposed Bylaws, so check both sides of the ballot as they are on the same paper. The Proposed Bylaws have been reviewed by committee and by the full RCT BOD and were approved by the BOD in June and have been posted on the W7DK website and each member was mailed a copy. There will be no voice vote at the Annual Meeting for the Proposed Bylaws, all voting is by ballot and the Proposed Bylaws will be adopted if 2/3 of the voting members approve them. You can return ballots in the enclosed envelope or give them to the Club Secretary and all ballots must be in the Secretary's possession before the opening of the November 9th Annual Meeting.

New Business

Nothing offered.

Announcements/show and tell/ traffic & Tuning

Next Saturday we host Cub Scout Pack 24 from Tacoma for a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) from 10am to 12 noon. Expect about 10 Scouts and a few parents. The plan is to use the Flex Radio.

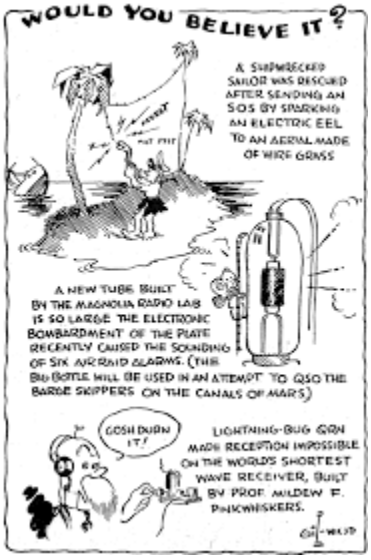
Gary WG7X reported that the 10-, 12-, and 15-meter bands are opening up very well!

Doug AD7DG mentioned that ARES is having their “Great Shakeout Day” on October 20th and will be doing a simulated bridge inspection and damage report to the WA DOT in Olympia.

On October 29th there is a morning exercise from 0:900 till Noon with Camp Murray State EmCom and ARES groups in the state. Check www.ARES.net if you are interested in joining .

Adjournment at 20:09

Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
RCT Secretary

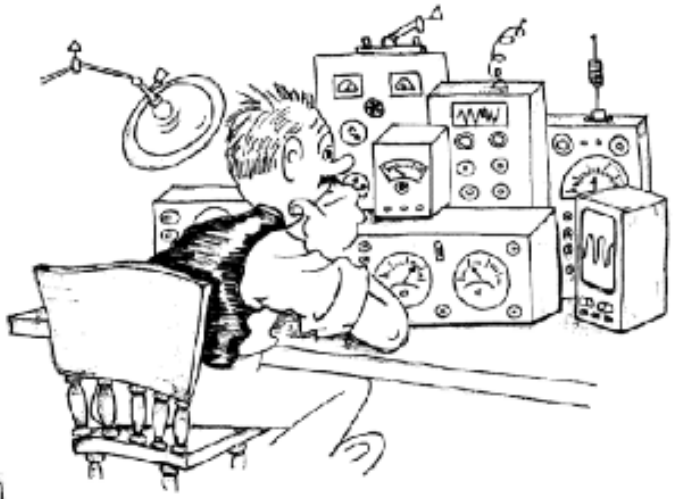

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?
A SHIPWRECKED SAILOR WAS RESCUED AFTER SENDING AN SOS BY SPARKING AN ELECTRIC EEL TO AN AERIAL MADE OF WIRE GRASS
A NEW TUBE BUILT BY THE MAGNOLIA RADIO LAB IS SO LARGE THE ELECTRONIC BOMBARDMENT OF THE PLATE RECENTLY CAUSED THE SOUNDING OF SIX AIR RAID ALARMS. (THIS BIG BOTTLE WILL BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO QSO THE BARGE SKIPPERS ON THE CANALS OF MARS)
GOSH DURN IT!
LIGHTNING-BUG GRN MADE RECEPTION IMPOSSIBLE ON THE WORLDS SHORTEST WAVE RECEIVER, BUILT BY PROF MILDEW F. PINCHWHISKERS.

MAILBAG!

Bob, K7MXE sent in some photo's on his Station used for the "Classic Exchange" event conducted last week.

Description from Bob: ARC5 from World War 2 and HQ180 bought from PMT years ago.

HQ180 on the left, ARC5 on the right.



The Mighty DK's!

Monthly QSO Report

Each month in the *Bark* the Radio Club of Tacoma recognizes the members and guests who have made non-contest QSOs using the HF stations at our clubhouse. Saturday Open House, especially, is a time when members have access to this equipment. Why not sit down at one of our operating desks and make a contact or two? Assistance is almost always available for those unfamiliar with the equipment, and if your license class doesn't permit HF operation, ask the denizens of the HF Room or the Saturday clubhouse host to help you find a suitably-licensed control operator to sit with you.

It's a feather in the club's hat for the call sign of **The Mighty DK** to be heard on the airwaves. So get on the air and get your name in the *Bark*! (Don't forget to enter your call sign as the operator into our logging program.)

QSOs September 30 through October 29, 2022:

Unknown op: 1
Max KK7HAY: 4
Andy KE7RTB: 15
John W7CBC: 20
Mike W7MKE: 32
Paul K7OSS: 65

What was old is now new again!

Once upon a time, the Radio club of Tacoma had a list of people who would act as mentors to new hams or just hams who wanted to ask questions about almost anything.

In ham radio lingo, these types of folks were called “Elmers” from old articles printed, probably in QST, about fellows that would help new hams with questions pertaining to ham radio. The actual origin of the term is kind of lost in the mists of time, but RCT has had this list of mentors for many years. It went away for “reasons” and is now making a return to the club and the Loggers Bark.

This list is preliminary and will be edited or added to as time goes on.

In the list below, you will se members listed with numbers after their names. The numbers correspond to the subject list on the left. So just look at the numbered subject list on the left and see who has those subject(s) as one of their topics. Phone numbers are listed for your use.

Please ignore the background, your editor is still messing around with this stuff!

Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place..... First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.	Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic
1.Technical questions, Classes	Adam W2NCC 360-870-7894 (4,5,6,7,11)
2. Help with Code	Al N7OMS 253-495-9068 (10,12)
3. License Examinations	Dave N7HT 253-363-1692 (1,2,4,6,8)
4. Antenna and Station planning	Dave W7UUU 360-443-6981 (2,4,6,9)
5. Antenna and Tower erection	Gary WG7X 253-327-0503 (1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12
6. Buying new or used equipment	Mike W7XTZ 253-405-8095 (6,8,10)
7. Equipment repair	Phil K7PIA 253-307-4781 (9,10,12)
8. Understanding and operating your equipment	Randy WB4SPB 253-761-9391 (2)
9. DX and Contests	Stephen AD7AB 253-212-9437 (1,3,4,12)
10. Club and ARRL activities	Steve AF7YD 253-988-0878
11. Using test equipment	
12. IRLP , Digital, SDR, ARPS, Winlink,Vara, Satellite	

The Club LINEUP

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www.w7dk.org [LINK] - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website.

Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain 147.380 + PL=103.5 (E of Olympia © 1500 ft ASL)

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3